



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 3327-2329

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Susumu Hoshi et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1711  
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Application No.: 10/512,410 ) Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullis  
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Filed: October 25, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 4613  
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For: Block Copolymer and Composition ) **Mail Stop AF**  
Thereof )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY**

In response to the Advisory Action issued January 22, 2007, reconsideration is requested of the continued rejection of claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over Knoll as set forth in the Action and in the Office Action of June 29, 2006 for the following reasons.

Based on the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action and in previous Office Actions, there appears to be a misunderstanding concerning exactly what applicants mean by the term "vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon polymer blocks" in the specification and claims.

This term as used in the specification and claims is meant to refer just to vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon homopolymer blocks having an average polymerization degree of 30 or more (a molecular weight of about 3,000 in the case of polystyrene) and includes